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REMARKS**I. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)**

Claims 1, 4-6, 8, 14-17, and 19-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hsu (U.S. Pat. No. 6,332,727).

II. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 2, 3, 9, 10 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hsu (U.S. Pat. No. 6,332,727) in view of Ho (U.S. Pat. No. 5,947,322).

III. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7, 11, 13 and 18 were indicated allowed. Accordingly, the remaining claims have been amended to incorporate allowable subject matter as set forth below.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include allowable subject matter from claim 7. The subject matter from claims 2 and 3 has been incorporated into amended claim 1, and further limits the claimed invention. Accordingly, claim 1 is allowable. Claims 4-6 depend from amended claim 1 and further limit the claimed invention. Accordingly, claims 4-6 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 8 has been amended to depend from allowable claim 7, and further limits the claimed invention. Accordingly, claim 8 is allowable.

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Independent claim 9 has been amended to include allowable subject matter from claims 11. Accordingly, independent claim 9 is now allowable. Claim 10 depends from independent claim 9, and further limits the invention. Accordingly, claim 10 is allowable.

Claim 12 has been amended to depend from allowable claim 11, and further limits the claimed invention. Accordingly, claim 12 is allowable.

Independent claim 14 has been amended to include allowable material from claim 13. Accordingly, claim 14 is allowable. Claim 15, 16, and 17 depend from amended claim 14, and further limit the claimed invention. Accordingly, claims 15, 16, and 17 are allowable.

Claims 19 and 20 depend from allowable claim 18, and further limit the claimed invention. Accordingly, claims 19 and 20 are allowable.

Independent claim 21 has been amended to include allowable material from claim 7. Accordingly claim 21 is allowable.

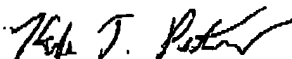
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CONCLUSION

Claims 1 and 4-21 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 2 and 3 are cancelled. Claims 1, 8-9, 12, 14, and 19-21 are amended. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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